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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

MILLEDGEVILLE, December 20th, 1862.

His Excellency the Governor of *South Carolina*

Inclosed herewith I send you a copy of the Act of the General Assembly of this State, and a copy of a Resolution upon the subject of the production of provisions, and the partial prohibition of the production of Cotton during the war. I respectfully appeal to you to bring this question to the attention of the Legislature and people of your State. In my humble opinion, our success in the great struggle in which we are engaged, is more dependent upon the ability of our people to supply themselves, and the army, with provisions, than upon any other earthly cause. The high price which cotton now commands, with a prospective increase in price, growing out of the short supply, will, it is feared, greatly stimulate its production next year, and cause a diminution in the supply of provisions, unless effective legislation shall prevent the evil. As all the States are alike interested in this great question, unity of action and harmony of sentiment are very desirable.

I am very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Joseph I. Brown

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